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Dear Sir:

In response to the June 23, 2003, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 42-49), drawn to a method for depositing gold at sites on a substrate with traverse.

However, applicants submit that all groups of invention identified in the outstanding office action are closely related and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. Thus, there is no benefit in having these groups of claims examined and prosecuted in separate applications.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims of Groups I, II, and III should be examined on the merits at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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